Executive Declaration

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, A serious absence of subsoil moisture created by a severe lack of moisture the last several years and of spring rains this year has become critical in this crop year; and,

WHEREAS, These drought conditions have caused extensive damage to private property and are a hardship upon the citizens of Bennett and Custer Counties:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under the provision of SDCL 33-15-8, otherwise known as the Emergency and Disaster Service Law, do hereby declare an emergency to exist in Bennett and Custer Counties and authorize such functions of state government as necessary to effect the relief and assistance needed.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that Bennett and Custer Counties will be requested for a designation as a MAJOR DISASTER AREA under authority of the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and such resources, as authorized under federal law, be sought to provide assistance to the citizens of Bennett and Custer Counties.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the Department of Agriculture and the Division of Emergency and Disaster Service will coordinate state efforts in support of local government in the preservation of livestock and property in these counties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Third Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE